Burma for appointment to Group C and D Posts. However, these concessions were withdrawn with effect from 31.12.1990 as there was no organised repatriation from Burma after 1974.

[English]

Funds for Sugarcane Development

2551. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sought assistance for undertaking research and development of sugarcane in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c). A Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System is being implemented in 21 States/UTs including the State of Maharashtra. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for the transfer of technology through field demonstrations and training of farmers. Besides, incentives are given for seed production, supply of farm implements & drip irrigation system, establishment of tissue culture laboratories, heat-treatment plants etc. An amount of Rs. 536.8 lakhs as Central share has been allocated to Maharashtra State under the Scheme during 1996-97.

The financial assistance for conducting research on Sugarcane in the State of Maharashtra has been allocated to the tune of Rs. 7.16 lakhs during 1996-97 by Indian Council of Agricultural Research through All-India Co-ordinated Research Project on Sugarcane.

[Translation]

Prostitution

2552. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of women arrested under the Anti-Prostitution law during each of the last three years;

(b) whether any kind of facilities/assistance is provided to those women to get them free from prostitution;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to eradicate this immoral activity of prostitution from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Available information is given in the enclosed statement.

(b) to (d). The Government is taking a number of steps to curb the evil of prostitution. Stress is being laid on the implementation of employment and income generating programmes especially in high supply areas of prostitutes. The Government provides support services like short stay homes, family counselling centres and juvenile homes to help women and children in moral danger or distress. NGOs are being involved in the rehabilitation of prostitutes and their children. Besides, stricter enforcement of laws to curb trafficking in women and children is emphasised.

STATEMENT

No. of Women Arrested under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act during 1992 to 1994

S.No.	State/UT/City	1992	1993	1994
1	2	3	4	5
	States			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	885	992	627
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
3.	Assam	2	-	3
4.	Bihar	-	6	21
5.	Goa	86	94	44
6.	Gujarat	9	12	4
7.	Haryana	-	-	3
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	1	-
10.	Karnataka	3500	2633	2344
11.	Kerala	30	83	84
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1	-	3
13.	Maharashtra	459	909	934
14.	Manipur	-	-	7
15.	Meghalaya	-	-	4
16.	Mizoram	-	-	-
17.	Nagaland	-	-	3
18.	Orissa	50	15	40
19.	Punjab	1	17	7
20.	Rajasthan	36	115	37
21.	Sikkim	-	-	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	5205	8172	6336
23.	Tripura	-	-	-
24.	Uttar Pradesh	207	151	177
25.	West Bengal	188	54	86
	(Total States)	10581	13254	10764
	Union Territories			
26.	A & N Islands	-	-	-
27.	Chandigarh	-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	-	-
29.	Daman & Diu	-	-	5
30.	Delhi	152	96	137
31.	Lakshadweep	-	-	-
32.	Pondicherry	299	164	75
	Total (UTs)	451	268	217
	Total (All India)	11032	13514	10981

[English]

Insurgency in N.E.R.

2553. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY :
SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether insurgent groups of North Eastern Region have been using Thailand for the procurement of arms through Bangladesh and Myanmar;

(b) whether the matter was taken up with the National Security Council of Thailand to prevent the insurgent groups from bringing the arms;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Thailand Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The Government is aware of the misure of the territory of Thailand by some insurgent groups operating in the North East. The Government of Thailand has been sensitised about our concerns and they have been requested to restrain the various insurgent groups from procuring weapons from Thailand. The Government of Thailand have fully shared our security concerns and they have assured to cooperate in every possible manner to assist in curbing/containing the activities of undesirable elements from their territory.

Pollution by Generators

2554. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the generators used in case of non-availability of power in the Capital are creating pollution;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to check the emission level of generators' air and noise generated by them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No specific study has been done regarding pollution generated from generators used in case of non-vailability of power in the Capital. However, generators cause air pollution due to gaseous emissions and noise.

(b) and (c). Steps taken to control air and noise pollution caused by generators include :

(i) General emission standards have been notified for diesel generator sets with respect to particulate matter.

(ii) Noise standards for the generators have been notified at the manufacturing stage.

(iii) Ambient air quality standards have been notified in respect of noise for various category of areas.

(iv) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is implementing the recommendations of the Rajamani Committee regarding control of air and noise pollution.

[Translation]

Death due to Poisonous Rain

2555. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that some persons have died due to the poisonous rain in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in the matter;

(c) if so, the findings of the enquiry and action taken thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid such calamities in future?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No such instances have been reported by the State Government.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[English]

Food Security Summit

2556. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the suggestions and recommendations made by the eminent participants at the 'Food Security Summit' and 'Expo 96' held recently at Chennai;